and non-recurring expenditure of the dispensary in spite of the financial commitments to which even these minor panchayats are also exposed on account of the new panchayat legislation?"

Mr. Speaker:—"I think the hon. Member is reading something. Only oral questions are allowed during question time."

The Hon. Dr. R. Nagan Gouda:—"Sir, the hon. Member is correct in the information he has given."

Sri G. Sivasankara Reddi:—"Sir, if it is so, what is the consideration shown by this Government towards the famine-affected and backward areas of Rayalaseema?"

The Hon. Dr. R. Nagan Gouda:—"Sir, the policy of the Government in this regard is to start these minor dispensaries in places where there is real need and where the people come forward with contribution to the extent of 50 per cent of the recurring expenditure and 50 per cent of the non-recurring expenditure of the dispensary. This is the policy adopted by Government for the entire State. The expenditure for running an institution like this comes to Rs. 5,200 per year. The contribution that has been offered by this panchayat is only Rs. 1,000. The District Veterinary Officer has been asked to conduct the panchayat board and induce them to make up the balance of the contribution."

Sri T. Nagi Reddi:—"ఈ principle ను అన్ని చోట్లకు ఒకే విధముగా వర్తించకుండా వెనుకబడి ఉన్నటువంటి పంచాయతీ బోర్డుల ప్రాంతాలకు ఆదాయము తక్కువ ఉంటుంది కాబట్టి అటువంటి ప్రాంతాలకు పంచాయతీ బోర్డులకు మరొక principle పెట్టి రెండు వేల ఆదాయము తప్పకుండా రావాలని కాకుండా అంతకు తక్కువ వచ్చినప్పటికి కూడ ఆ ప్రాంతాలలో వీటి నిర్మాణమునకై ప్రభుత్వము ఏ మైనా ఆలోచిస్తుందా?"

The Hon. Dr. R. Nagan Gouda:—"Sir, it is a question of principle that has to be considered with reference to the finances of the Government."

Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode.

9.10 a.m. * 142 *Q.*—Sri M. Narayana Kurup (on behalf of Dr. K. B. Menon): Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government made out a plan in 1944 for increasing the output of soap in the Government Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, Malabar;

(*b*) whether the Government ordered for the necessary machinery; and

(*c*) if so, when the machinery is likely to be installed?

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao:—"(*a*) The Director of Industries and Commerce proposed in October 1945, the expansion of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, by constructing new buildings at West Hill and installing modern

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and efficient machinery capable of producing 3,000 tons of soaps per annum; but, the proposals were finally deferred in 1948. Subsequently in August 1950, the Government, however, sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 1,34,800 towards the purchase of machinery for the replacement of worn-out ones in the Institute to be spread over a period of three years.

"(b) Orders were placed for the supply of machineries sanctioned for the years 1950–51 and 1951–52.

"(c) The machineries ordered for the years 1950–51 and 1951–52 have been received and will be installed during the current year."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"In view of the fact that there has been deterioration in the efficiency of the Institute and the profits therefrom, may I know why the scheme of rationalization has not been given effect to expeditiously though the machinery came long before?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"Sir, I do not agree that the efficiency of the Institute has gone down but still I may tell the hon. Member why we are not able to put up the machinery. Two more motors have got to come. Also we have to put up a separate building to install this machinery. I have inspected this Institute. The work is being started and it will be completed, I hope, in the course of the year."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—"May I know the present output of the factory and whether the output is finding a ready sale?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"I would like to have notice so far as the present output is concerned but we are having a good sale."

Alleged irregularities in P.C.C. societies in Malabar.

*143 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP (on behalf of Dr. K. B. Menon): Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Producers-cum-Consumers Co-operative Societies in Malabar engaged in the procurement and distribution of foodgrains in which grave irregularities like embezzlement of funds, theft of fooodgrains and other large-scale frauds were discovered during the years 1948–52;

(b) the number of such cases in which such office-bearers were prosecuted;

(c) the number of cases in which civil action was taken;

(d) the number of cases in which no action was taken at all; and

(e) the number of cases in which action was taken but dropped at a later stage?